1: Swanton, John R. Social Organization and Social Usages of the Indians of the Creek Confederacy. Forty-Second Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1924-1925, pp. 23-472, 859-900. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1928.

7 plates; 107 text figures; 6 genealogical tables; tabular lists; bibliography; index.

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all possible cases. Swanton has organized in tabular form lists of Creek towns and their associations with each other, as well as Creek clans and clan-linkages. --Analyst]

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